

LETTER FROM CHESTER

Of the 29th of July.

Giving an ACCOUNT of the State of Londonderry AND INISKILLING.

AND
Of the DEFEAT the Men of *Irish-*
killing have lately given the *Irish*: As also of what
has lately past at *Dublin*, and of the Prorogation of
the *Irish* PARLIAMENT till *October* next, and
of the Preparation making at *Chester* for the Present
Expedition.

1. Aug. 1689.

ON Saturday last, late at Night, there came an Express from Major General *Kirk*, by the way of *Scotland*, to his Excellency the Duke of *Schomberg*, among other things, giving an Account that the People of *Iniskilling*, had Engaged and Defeated a considerable Party of the *Irish*, which lay between the Island of *Inch*, and *Iniskilling*. That the Town of *Derry* held out still, but could not do so long without speedy Relief, wherefore he prayed the Duke of *Schomberg* to use all imaginable Expedition in hastning the sending of the Succours to them, which if they arrived in any seasonable time, he doubted not (with the addition of two thousand Men more to joyn those he has already under his Command) but to be able to raise the Siege, and to disperse the *Irish* Army that lye about it. Whereupon his Excellency has ordered great numbers of the Souldiers to work yesterday and all this day at the *Ram-dee*, where the Magazine of Hay and Stores lie, that are to be put on Board for the use of the Army that goes for *Ireland*, and in regard the Con-

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voy-Ships are not yet come up, several pieces of Cannon from this Castle are sent on board some Merchant Ships, that are a fitting out, and 'tis believed a considerable Body will immediately embarque, and sail with the first fair Wind to joyn the Major General who is now believed to be in *Loughswilly*.

By a small Vessel that came on Thursday last to *Beaumarise* from *Dublin*, we have an Account, that the late King has Prorogued his ~~High~~ Parliament till *October* next, having Harangu'd them at parting, assuring them that they might go home and follow their several Concerns and Affairs in the Country with all imaginable security, being fully satisfy'd, that the Divisions in *England* were such, that they could send no Army this Summer to disturb them, or to relieve *Londonderry*: That he had expected before this time, a considerable supply of Men, Money, Arms, and Ammunition from *France*, but that the *English* Fleet had so blockt up *Brest*, that a Ship could not stir out; yet however he questioned not, but in a short time to have some good account of them. In the mean while, he recommended to them to be watchful over the Protestants, and not suffer them to meet in any number in the Country. They further declare, that all the Country Gentlemen and others, that were at *Dublin* are sent home, that Captain *Fitz-Gerald*, Alderman *John Smith*, Mr. *Giles Mee*, and several others are clapt up in Prison, on pretence of some Plot against the Government; the Reverend Doctor *King* is confin'd to his Chamber: The Guns that were in the two *Scottish* Frigats, are brought up to *Dublin*, and planted on the Shore-side to guard the Town, and that the great Brass-Gun planted before the Castle, is brought into the Mint-House, and turn'd into Money.

The Camp here increases daily, there being already arrived, two *Dutch* Regiments, Lord *Herbert's*, Lord *Lisbourn's*, Lord *Kingston's*, and Lord *Drogheda's* Regiments, a *French* Regiment, and some other *English* Regiments are expected this Night, and more every day, for they lye round the Country within twenty Miles of this place, and can be here in a day or two's warning; there are here one hundred and twenty Sail of Ships ready, and we look for the *London* Fleet with much impatience, and pray heartily for a good wind. The Train of Artillery from *London*, consisting of several Brass-Guns is safely arrived here, as also a great number of Boomb-Carts, Waggon, Gunners, Smiths, Carpenters, and other useful persons and things, who are Embarking as fast as they can for this Expedition.

Lisenc'd July 31. 1689. J. F.

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